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# News Release

**Chairman Jerome E. Horton**

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## **South Gate Area Businesses – Don't Miss Out on Millions in Tax Relief**

**Sacramento** – On Tuesday, April 8, 2014, Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairman Jerome E. Horton will host a [free Small Business Seminar](#) to provide small-to-medium-sized businesses with information about millions of dollars in tax credits and refunds, business loan assistance and general guidelines for contracting opportunities with the state. Attendees will learn about traditional and nontraditional capital and minimizing the burden of taxation, plus have the opportunity to meet their elected representatives who make decisions that affect small businesses.

The seminar will take place at the East Los Angeles College Educational Center, South Gate Educational Center, 2340 Firestone Boulevard, South Gate, CA 90280. The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. You can register for the seminar online at [www.boe.ca.gov/seminars](http://www.boe.ca.gov/seminars) or call 1-888-847-9652.

South Gate Chamber of Commerce, Congresswoman Janice Hahn, Senator Ricardo Lara and Assemblymember Anthony Rendon are co-sponsoring the seminar, and encourage local entrepreneurs to attend, learn, and capitalize on this unique opportunity to obtain information that can help expand and maintain their businesses.

"Our goal is to inform California businesses about the resources and tax credits that are available to help small businesses succeed," said Chairman Horton. "It is equally important to build relationships with the decision makers and one another in order to better position yourself for success."

The Board recently eliminated the mandatory deposit requirement for some accounts, and is in the process of releasing millions in cash, bonds, and guarantees this spring. If you have a security deposit with the Board, or want to learn more about the impact of legislation, policy, and procedures at the BOE visit [www.boe.ca.gov/members/horton](http://www.boe.ca.gov/members/horton), or plan to attend one of the upcoming Small Businesses Conferences held throughout Los Angeles County and speak directly to a BOE representative.

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative

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Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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